

(fresh) pasture; like two swans alight
upon the
effused libation.

3. ASWINS, affluent in food, be propitiated
at your
pleasure by the sacrifice: alight like two
swans upon
the effused libation.

4. Inasmuch as ATRI, escaping by your
aid from
the fire of chaff,¹ conciliates you, like a wife
soliciting
(the affection of a husband), therefore
come with
(your) propitious cars, with the new-born
rapidity
of the falcon.

5. Open, VANASPAI, like the womb of a
parturient
female: hear, ASWINS, my invocation: set
SAPTA-
VADHRI free.²

6. ASWINS, by your devices sunder the
wicker-work
for (the liberation of the) terrified,
imploing *Rishl*[^]
SAPTAVALHRI.

7. As the wind ruffles the lake on every
side, so
may thy womb be stimulated, and the
conception of
the months come forth.

8. As the wind, as the wood, as the
ocean are

¹ See vol. i. p. 308, verse 8: the fire is here
called *ribisam*,
tiukdijnini) a fire of chaff.

² Ancient chroniclers, *purwdah*, says *Sdyana*,
tell this story:
the sons of the brothers of *Saptavadvri* being
determined (it is
not stated why) to prevent his having intercourse
with his wife,
shut him up every night in a large basket, which
they locked
and sealed, letting him out in the morning: in this
dilemma the
jffisfa' prayed to the *AswinSj* who came to his
succour, and
enabled him to get out of his cage during the
night, he return-
ing to it at day-break: in this stanza he first
addresses the
basket, *petikd*, as a form of *Vanaspati*, lord of
forests, and then
invokes the *Avtins*,